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SUBJECT: PL480 AND FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM

1. AS WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY IN OUR SUMMARY OF SECRETARY BUTZ' VERY USEFUL VISIT TO DAMASCUS, MINISTER OF ECONOMY IMADI TOLD BUTZ NOV 12 THAT FONMIN KHADDAM HAD BEEN UNDER THE IMPRESSION BASED ON HIS WASHINGTON TALKS WE WOULD PROVIDE PL 480 WHEAT AND RICE TO SYRIA ON GRANT BASIS RATHER THAN TITLE I LOAN. SOMEWHAT JOCLARLY, IMADI SAID WHEN KHADDAM RETURNED TO DAMASCUS FROM UNGA AND LEARNED OF LOAN HE WOULD SAY IMADI HAD "RUINED" HIS DEAL.

2. I PRIMED SECRETARY BUTZ ON THIS DEVELOPMENT AND HE SUCCESSFULLY DEFUSED ANY SURPRISE OR DISAPPOINTMENT THAT IMADI OR DEPUTY PM HAYDAR MIGHT HAVE WISHED TO EXPRESS BY DETAILING GENEROUS TERMS OF PL 480 TITLE I LOANS AND OUR GRANT ACTIVITY THROUGH UN'S WORLD FOOD PROGRAM AID TO SYRIA. HAYDAR DID NOT RAISE SUBJECT OF COMMODITY LOAN AS OPPOSED TO GIFT AFTER BUTZ' INITIAL PRESENTATION. OUR LINE HERE SHOULD THE STORY REVIVE THAT KHADDAM HAD BEEN MISLED, OR I HEAR THAT HIS NOSE IS OUT OF JOINT, IS THAT HE DESERVES THE CREDIT PERSONALLY FOR HAVING GOTTEN US TO GIVE THE 48,000 TONS OF WHEAT TO THE WFP FOR SYRIA.

3. KHADDAM'S MISUNDERSTANDING IS UNFORTUNATE BUT IS ASCRIBABLE TO THE LACK OF CORPORATE MEMORY IN SARG RE PL480 MATTERS. FORTUNATELY, IMADI'S DEPUTY WAS INVOLVED IN PL 480 NEGOTIATIONS IN EARLY 1960'S AND IMADI HAS NOW ORDERED HIM TO JOIN SYRIAN SIDE AT NEXT PL 480 MEETING NOV 14 AT MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

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